

Nite Bite Fishing Tournament Series Rules and Information



2018 Nite Bite Fishing Dates: 4/07, 4/27, 5/25, 6/09, 6/30, 7/07, 8/10, 9/14, 10/13

6-11pm (June, July & August end at 12am)

1. Only registered Nite Bite Tournament Series anglers may enter fish to be weighed and measured, and be eligible for prize money.
2. Failure to follow tournament rules will result in disqualification from the tournament without a refund.
3. All participants must be checked in by 8pm at the registration table at the boat ramp area.
4. Participating anglers may not put lines in the water prior to the start of a Nite Bite event.
5. The weigh-in station is open during the posted Nite Bite hours. Two categories exist for prizes: *Largest Catfish* and *Largest Fish of any other species* caught during the Nite Bite Tournament Series. Largest catches as determined by the tournament officials will be declared the winners on the basis of weight. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by length (inches). If a tie still exists, both anglers will share the prize. (All fish must meet category minimum – see rule 7)
6. Eligibility of any fish or angler will be determined by the tournament officials as follows:
 - a. Any angler entering a fish that does not meet minimum size requirements established by Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for statewide fishing will be disqualified (see rule 7).
 - b. Boaters are subject to all Maryland DNR boating regulations for Centennial Lake. Citations issued for boat violations will not disqualify anglers but may prohibit boat use during the tournament series.
7. Only live fish may be weighed & registered for prizes. Fish must be in a bucket or fish bag; **No fish allowed to be entered on stringers.** Fish entered must meet the following minimum standards:
Bass – 12 inches, Bluegill – 6 inches, Crappie – 6 inches, Trout – 10 inches, Catfish – 10 inches.
8. Participating anglers may not leave the park once they have checked in at each event. Any angler that leaves the park will be ineligible to weigh in any fish after leaving.
9. Anglers are limited to three rods per person and two hooks per line.
10. Coolers and live wells will be inspected to make sure fish are not being brought in prior to each Nite Bite date. Violators will be disqualified.
11. Anglers age sixteen (16) and older must have a valid fishing license.
12. Both artificial and live bait may be used.
13. Fishing is permitted in all areas of the lake except the wildlife area, boat rental docks and canoe launch area. Inflatable waders are not permitted.
14. All fish must be turned in by each Nite Bite date's posted ending time. Fish turned in after the ending time will not be accepted. The tournament official's watch will determine the official time.
15. All anglers fishing from boats are responsible for checking in their own fish at the weigh in station by the boat launch.
16. Boaters are subject to all Maryland DNR boating regulations for Centennial Lake. **ELECTRIC MOTORS ONLY!** Please make sure you have the proper lights in use: a stern light, red port light and green starboard light.
17. Tournament officials have the right to disqualify any participant on the basis of unsportsmanlike conduct.
18. In the event of inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstance, the tournament officials have the right to suspend or terminate any Nite Bite event at any time. Any angler continuing to fish during a suspension in the tournament due to weather conditions may be subject to disqualification from the tournament.
19. The tournament officials reserve the right to amend the rules as conditions warrant.

Tournament officials

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*Rules amended 4/26/18 to reflect prize categories
and additional June date added*